Peter Erb Farm 2613 Stone Road

1790; 1877-8

Summary:

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The Peter Erb Farm is located at 2613 Stone Road, about 41/2 miles east of Taneytown and 11/4 miles northeast of Mayberry, in northwestern Carroll County, Maryland. The farm is located on both sides of the road, on gently rolling terrain, and has been subdivided. The stone house is located on the southwest side of the road, while the bank barn and stone carriage house are located on the northeast side of the road, on a separate parcel.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Rural Agrarian Intensification, A.D. 1680-1815; Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870; Industrial-Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

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house faces northeast, toward Stone Road, and was originally banked. At an unknown date, the ground level was raised on the northeast, obscuring most of the exposed cellar wall. This wall has a segmentally-arched opening with a pentagonal keystone flanked by three dressed voussoirs on each side, in both the east-center and north bays. The eastcenter bay has a door frame with an ovolo moulding at the top edge, part of the door frame is circular-sawn, and there is a later infilled frame, and a later door. This door has five panels, with a lying panel in the center and two square panels at the bottom. The panels are sunk, with a very shallow field, and have ogee panel moulds on both sides that are cut into the rails and stiles. This door has been cut down. There are concrete stairs and a concrete retaining wall along the northeast wall down to this door. The north-center bay was originally a door, but has been infilled with stone and back filled with dirt. The first story has a center entrance with a later boxed-in frame, a new six-panel door, and a new stained-glass transom. This is flanked by two 2/2 sash on each side. they are in pegged mortise-and-tenon frames with an ovolo moulding on the outer edge of the frame. There are pintels in the frames for shutters. Most of the wood sills have been replaced with new wood. The lintels have a large keystone flanked by one large voussoir on each side. The second story has a center entrance in a pegged mortise-and-tenon frame with an ovolo moulding on the outer edge. The door has two lights over sunk panels. The lintel matches those on the windows. The door is flanked by two 2/2 sash on each side that are identical to those on the first story. There is a box cornice with returns and a plain fascia board bed mould. There is an interior brick chimney centered on the ridge on each end. There is a one-bay, one-story porch with paired, chamfered square posts on each end and a flat roof with new railings on it. The north corner of the house has a stone carved with "1790".

The southeast elevation of the house has two small openings in the foundation that have vertical iron bars between top and bottom iron rails. The first and second stories have two 2/2 sash that match those on the front. The gable end has two small 2/2 sash that do not have ovolo mouldings on the pegged frames. The south window also does not have a lintel. There is a circle in the gable end filled with new concrete and "J. Erb 1790". The northwest elevation is identical to the southeast above the foundation, but both gable-end openings have lintels with keystones. The ell is attached to the west bay of the southwest elevation of the main block, which is only three bays. The center bay of the first story has a door that has a lying panel in the center with four square panels above and two panels below it. The fielded panels are sunk and have no panel moulds. There is a stone sill and lintel with keystone. The pegged mortise-and-tenon frame has an ovolo moulding on the outer edge. The south bay has the typical 2/2 sash. The second story center bay has a new six panel door in a beaded-interior-edge frame. The east bay has the same 2/2 sash, but the pegged frame is missing the ovolo moulding.

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The ell is a roughly two-bay square structure of rubble stone, with a gable roof of standing-seam metal and a ridge that runs northeast-southwest. The eaves line is lower than that of the main block, and there is a box cornice with returns. There is an interior brick chimney centered on the ridge at the southwest end. The windows have 2/2 sash with wood sills and stone lintels that are a rough copy of the main block. The frames have a beaded interior edge. The northwest facade of the ell is in the same plane as that of the main block, but is not tied into it. The first story north bay has a new crossbuck door in a beaded-interior-edge frame, and no lintel. The west bay has a 2/2 sash. The second story has two 2/2 sash, but with no lintels. The southwest elevation of the ell has a new 1/1 sash in the gable end, west of the chimney.

The southeast elevation of the ell has a 2/2 sash in the south bay and a new crossbuck door in a new frame or surround in the east bay. The door opening has no lintel. The second story south bay has a 2/2 sash in a pegged mortise-and-tenon frame. The east bay has a new six-panel door in a beaded-interior edge frame. There is a two-story porch on the southeast, and the roof is integral with that on the ell. The second story of the porch has a plastered cove soffit. The porch has an all-new circular-sawn frame.

There is a cellar under the main block of the house only. It is divided in two by a rubble stone wall that runs northeast-southwest and that has a door opening in the center, just northeast of the stairs. This door opening has a hewn lintel and a circularsawn wood door frame set into it, with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints at the top. The new straight run of stairs is on the southeast side of this center wall. There is a hewn summer beam about 12 inches deep by 14 inches wide, with chamfers on the bottom corners, that runs northwest-southeast the entire length of the house. It passes through the center wall, and there is a wood beam in the wall underneath of the summer beam. The northwest end of the summer bears in a stone buttress for the first story fireplace that is triangular in plan. The southeast end of the summer rests on the wood mantle tree of the stone kitchen fireplace that is centered on the southeast wall. This fireplace has splayed jambs. The mantle tree is 12 inches wide by 16 inches tall and was hewn and then apparently smoothed with an adze. It has a beaded bottom edge and is cut back diagonally in the throat of the chimney. The joists run northeast-southwest, are hewn, and are 8 to 9½ inches wide by 6½ to 7 inches deep. They are spaced 23-29 inches on center. The top corners of each joist are cut out to hold short sections of extra, random-width mill-sawn boards, some of which have tapered ends. These boards are about 11/4 inches thick and create a continuous subfloor, but there is in general a narrow space between them and the upper floor of random-width mill-sawn (pine?) boards. The floor has been patched in places with 43/4-inch wide circular-sawn flooring. The joists under the center passage rest on the center cellar wall and are tenoned into mortises in the two flanking hewn joists and pegged. These passage joists are 2³/₄ x 7³/₄

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and are sawn. Several hewn joist ends rest on top of a thin board. The interior walls have been repainted, and the other joists may have had boards that were removed during this work. The northwest cellar has not been repainted and still retains some parging on the walls.

The southeast cellar has one joist that retains several pieces of hand-split lath, but, in general, there is no evidence of finish in this room. The joists under the center passage all have lath nails in them that appear to be cut. The southeast wall has one new three-light casement on either side of the fireplace in an original opening with an interior wood lintel. The openings were originally larger but have been filled with stone at the bottom. The northwest cellar formerly had a door on the northeast elevation, near the north corner. The original door was about five feet wide, much larger than the door in the east-center bay of this elevation. The interior lintel appears to be hewn, as does the top of the door frame, which is mortised and pegged. They do not retain any distinguishing tool marks, but are very regular, like they were sawn.

The bottom end of the newel post in the first story is cut narrow and passes through a hole in the floor. There are two small holes drilled through the end of the newel, very close to the bottom of the floor, and there are two long, thin pegs in these holes that act to keep the newel from being pulled up out of the floor.

The first floor is laid out on a center passage, modified double-pile plan. There is one large room on the southeast, and it appears to have always been one room. There are two rooms on the northwest, and the west room has since been subdivided. The front door has four panels on each jamb. There is a medium panel at the bottom, a tall one above it, then a small lying panel and a square panel at the top, suggesting that there was originally a six-panel door with a transom. The panels are sunk and have a beaded panel mould. The head rail is new and the soffit is flat and appears to be new. The door surround has a broken field with an ovolo at the outer edge and a bead at the inner edge. This treatment is found on all the doors unless otherwise noted. The baseboard has a beaded on the top edge, and this, too, is common throughout the house. The chair rail has a beaded bottom edge.

The passage has a wide dog-leg stair on the southeast wall with a landing on the southwest and two steps on the northwest up to a second landing. From here there are three steps up to the second story passage. There are also three steps up through the northwest door into the northwest chamber, and one step up through the southwest door to the rear porch. The moulded hand rail appears to be pine. There are thin, simple turned balusters and a turned newel. The stair has an open stringer with sawn brackets. Below it are six flat, sunk panels with narrow ogee moulds. The door set in this wall is missing, but the door under the stair survives. It has six flush panels with

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narrow ogee moulds, and has flat sunk panels on the reverse. The door is now hung on long strap hinges, but formerly had small strap hinges on the inside, and butt hinges that were not set in mortises. This door also has a cast iron box lock. The door on the southwest end of the passage has seven panels that are flat and sunk on the interior. The door has a cast iron box lock and is now hung on large strap hinges. The frame has a beaded interior edge, and the surround is very narrow and has an ovolo only. The soffit and jambs are plain.

The southeast room has a wide chimney breast centered on the southeast wall, with a fireplace in the eastern half. This fireplace has splayed jambs that have been replastered, and a new brick hearth. The wood mantle appears to have been altered or restored. It has a broken field surround with a newly applied ovolo around the outer edge. The frieze has two sunk, shallow panels. The mantle shelf has an ogee moulded edge and brackets under the shelf that are probably new. The chair rail in this room matches that in the passage. The window jambs are plain boards with an ovolo on the end that forms the window surround.

The north room has a corner fireplace in the west corner that has been rebuilt and closed off. The hearth appears to have been rebuilt with old brick and is raised slightly. The wood mantle has reeded pilasters. Above the opening is a band of reeding, with five panels above that. The center and end panels are narrow, with sunk flat panels and moulds that have a bead inside the ogee. The other two are sunk lying panels with a bead mould. Above the panels is a horizontal band with groups of five reeds. Under the shelf is a bed mould with a narrow ogee and a bead below it. The edge of the mantle shelf has an applied moulding with an ogee and a bead below it. This room has a chair rail that matches the one in the passage, and a peg rail on the southeast wall, south of the door.

The west room also has this same chair rail. The door surrounds do not have broken fields, but are otherwise the same. According to the owner, the remains of a window frame are beneath the doorway from the west room into the ell. This ell in one room, with a stone kitchen fireplace on the southwest elevation, toward the south. It has a hewn wood mantle tree, a new brick hearth, and straight stone jambs. The wood mantle has a bead on the bottom of the rail, two sunk panels with no panel moulds, three simple brackets, and a beaded bottom edge on the shelf. It has been raised higher on the wall by the current owner. The kitchen has all new doors and surrounds. The joists are now exposed, but originally there was a lath and plaster ceiling. The joists are mill sawn, are $2\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and are spaced 18 to $19\frac{1}{2}$ inches on center. The second floor plan is a true double pile with a center passage.

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The center stair leads to the attic, and the same hand rail and balusters are employed the entire way. The roof frame is exposed over the stairs and apparently always was, as the rafters have no nail holes. At the top of the stairs is a beaded-edge vertical-board wall and door with cast iron butt hinges and a box lock. The roof structure has two principal rafters, with braces from the rafter up to the purlin. The center section of purlin is offset from the two end sections so that the mortises in the principal rafter do not line up. These purlins are $43/4 \times 6$ inches. There are also tie beams connecting each principal rafter pair. They are hewn, are $4 \times 61/2$ inches, and have a center tenon into the principal rafter and peg. The purlins support common rafters that sit on the purlins without being notched. It is not possible to determine if these rafters are pegged or spiked. The common rafters are hewn, too, are $41/2 \times 5$ inches, and have a center tenon and peg at the ridge. The rafter feet are not accessible. There are three common rafters between the two principal rafters, with four common rafters on either end. They support later sawn lath.

North of the house is a bank barn with a forebay facing southeast. It has a foundation of somewhat dressed and coursed rubble stone, with quoins. The upper story has German siding, and the gable roof has corrugated metal and a northeast-southwest ridge. The northwest elevation has a wood louver vent on the north side of the central ramp, in the foundation. West of the ramp is a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door on rollers in the foundation. The center of the upper story has two pair of wagon doors made of vertical German siding and hung on strap hinges. On either side are two 4/2 sash with two wood louver vents above.

The southwest elevation has three wood louver vents in the foundation that are not original. The jambs have round holes for the earlier louvers, which were probably diamond in section. The upper story has a door on each end made of vertical German siding. There are four vents above, and a third row of four vents at the top. The gable end has a 6/6 sash with a vent on each side of it. The northeast elevation has a wood vent to the east, a 4/4 sash in the center, and a new or altered door opening to the north, in the lower level. The upper story has three rows of four vents, with a 6/6 sash, flanked by a vent on each side, in the gable end. The southeast elevation has a stone lower story that is more dressed and coursed than on the other three elevations. From the south to the east there is a vertical-board dutch door on strap hinges, a wood vent with diamond-section louvers, a matching door, a wide opening in the wall, another matching door, a 4/4 sash, a matching door, another 4/4 sash, and a final matching door. The upper story has two rows of thirteen openings. From south to east there is a vent over a vent, a vent over a vent, a vent over a 6/6 sash, a door over a door, a vent over a 6/6 sash, a vent over a 6/6 sash, a door over a door, a vent over a 6/6 sash, a vent over a 6/6 sash, a door over a door, a vent over a 6/6 sash, a vent over a vent, and a vent over a vent. The doors have vertical boards and strap hinges, and the vents have wood louvers.

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The lower story has three hewn summer beams with posts under the pegged scarf joints. The summer beams run northeast-southwest and bear on sawn beams about 2 x 6 inches that are set in pockets in the wall. The joists are hewn on the top and bottom with the barn, but are hewn on all four sides under the forebay. One row of joists extends from the northwest wall to the northwest summer beam, and the other row extends from this summer to the end of the forebay. There is a narrow, sawn peg rail set in the southwest wall and not used as a lintel for the openings. Some of the original plaster survives on the walls. There is a wood box set in the southwest wall, to the south. The stone corners under the forebay are not thickened but are squared off. The stall arrangement has been altered.

The upper story has two adjacent threshing floors, with a mow on the northeast end and two mows on the southwest. There is a granary, with stairs to the lower story, in the north corner, and a granary in the west corner. The barn has a heavy-timber braced frame that is hewn. The bents have four major posts, creating a queen-post truss for the roof, and a minor post in the center. There are vertical studs, about 2-3 by 4-5 inches and spaced two feet on center, between the sill and a center horizontal beam and again between this beam and the top plate. They are placed in the wall framing to nail the German siding to them. The rafters appear to be sawn, are about $2\frac{1}{2}-3 \times 5-6$ inches, and have a ridge beam. They support lath, and wood shingles on the northwest side. There is a metal track for a hay fork in the ridge.

About 15 feet southwest of the barn, next to the road, is a rubble stone and wood frame wagon shed or carriage house with corn cribs on the southwest and northeast sides. It has a gable roof with standing-seam metal and a northwest-southeast ridge. The southeast elevation has a semi-circular arched opening with dressed stone voussoirs, and German siding in the gable end. The northeast side has a shed roof addition, and the southeast elevation of this addition has a pair of beaded-edge-andcenter vertical board wagon doors on strap hinges, with German siding above. The northeast elevation of this addition also has German siding. The southwest elevation of the wagon shed has German siding and is set on concrete piers, while the northwest elevation is rubble stone and also has a semi-circular-arched opening with dressed voussoirs. The opening is filled with beaded-edge-and-center vertical board doors on strap hinges, and there is German siding in the gable end. The northwest elevation of the shed also has double wagon doors like those on the southeast. The frame of the structure is circular-sawn, with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints and nailed braces. The interior of the cribs has circular-sawn lath attached with wire nails. The roof has 2 x 4 circular-sawn rafters that are mitered at the ridge and support lath.

About three feet east of the barn is a wood shed with a rubble stone foundation, board-and-batten siding, and a gable roof with corrugated metal and a northwest-

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southeast ridge. There is a door opening on the northwest elevation, north of center, and two window openings on the northeast elevation. The southwest elevation has a window opening south of center, with a six-panel door south of the window. The southeast elevation has no openings.

There is another wood shed building about 18 feet south of the barn. It has a concrete foundation, German siding, and a shed roof that slopes to the northwest and is covered with corrugated metal. There is a four-panel door on the southwest, to the south. The shed is built of 2 x 4 circular sawn lumber. About 50 feet southeast of the barn is a poultry house with beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board siding and a corrugated metal shed roof that slopes to the northwest. The southeast elevation has a door to the south that matches the siding, with two large openings east of it. About 10 feet south of the house, set in a new brick patio, is a broken and weathered circular stone about three feet in diameter that is carved:

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responsible for the construction of the stone house in question in 1790. His son, Christopher Erb, had these lands re-surveyed, in an attempt to consolidate them, in 1798, and apparently at the same time built a new stone house for himself at 3333 Flickinger Road (CARR-825). Christopher died before the patent was granted, and it fell to his only child, Peter Erb II, to complete the process. As finally approved in 1810, Erb's Pleasure was 773 acres.

When Peter Erb II died in late 1835 or early 1836, he left 440 acres with the Christopher Erb House, to his sons Peter III and Eli. His son Jacob was left the 333acre property on Stone Road, where Jacob was currently living, "... together with the buildings thereon erected, the improvements thereon made." Jacob Erb was very well established when the tax assessor visited him in 1841. His livestock worth \$755 indicates that, as does the furniture worth \$224. The note that he had a "Stone House & Barn" suggests that the barn was also built of stone, since most barns were described as being frame or log. Jacob Erb also owned two slaves, which was rather unusual. One was a male of unknown age, but his value of \$450 indicates that he must have been in his prime and able to do a significant amount of work. The other slave was a woman over the age of 36, and she was valued at \$75. Several years later the male slave was either sold or freed. The 1852 assessment suggests that his business was as productive as ever. Jacob Erb had secured a mortgage on his property in 1861 for an unknown reason, and did not pay any of the principal or interest when it was due in 1862. In 1865, probably as result of his apparent financial trouble, he offered his farm of over 200 acres for sale. According to the advertisement:

The improvements consist of a Substantial Two-story Stone House, with Kitchen; large Stone Barn, Hog House, 2 Spring Houses, Smoke House, Dry House and Bake Oven, Wagon Sheds, and all other outbuildings, built of stone, in the best manner."

The farm included an orchard, 40 acres in timber, and well-limed and fenced rolling fields. There was a pump at the barn and at the kitchen door. For whatever reason, the farm did not sell. The holder of the mortgage, John Maus, sued for payment in Equity Court in 1869, and the farm was turned over to a trustee. It was advertised for sale in early 1870, and again it was carefully described.

The improvements thereon consisting of a large and substantial $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story Stone Dwelling House, with a large back building attached; basement and cellar under the whole building; Bank Barn 85 x 47, two threshing floors, stone hog house, granaries, carriage house, smoke house, dry house, wood house, two daries [sic], all other necessary outbuildings, and all in excellent repair; pump at the house and at the barn"

Significance (continued)

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Also offered for sale were a 30-acre farm with a two-story log house and bank barn and a 27-acre farm with a dwelling house and small bank barn that were newly built. The price offered for the farm was considered too low so the sale was canceled. The farm was then surveyed and divided into five lots. Lot No. 2, the homestead lot, was 207 acres. It was again advertised, using the same description for the improvements.

Jacob Erb's personal property was offered for sale at the same time. While not a complete inventory of his possessions, it still creates a portrait of his farm in 1870. His livestock consisted of at least six horses, thirteen horned cattle, and eighteen hogs. The farm machinery included two broad tread wagons, one narrow tread wagon, one one-horse wagon and cart, a threshing machine and horsepower, a windmill, a fodder cutter, a circular saw, a reaper and mower, a two-horse sleigh, six ploughs, four harrows, six double and single shovel ploughs, and a grain drill. The house had twelve beds and twenty-four chairs. The cook stove, two ten-plate stoves, and parlor stove no doubt had replaced the older fireplaces for cooking and heating the dwelling.

The farm was advertised not only in Carroll County, but in Frederick County and in York and Adams County, Pennsylvania. Thus, it is not surprising that the highest bidder was Jacob Miller of Heidelberg Township in York County. Miller paid the first of three installments, but died in January 1871 before the sale was completed and ratified by the Equity Court. Miller's will gave every one of his children a different farm that he owned, which was a considerable number. Most of these farms were in Pennsylvania, and most, if not all, had a tenant on them. In his will he also stated, "I give devise and bequeth unto my daughter Emma and to her heirs and assigns forever, my farm situate in Carroll County State of Maryland now farmed by Jesse Erb at the sum of nine thousand and six hundred and ninety nine dollars she to be charged that sum for the same." The executors of Jacob Miller paid the final two installments and the court ratified the sale, but the farm was not yet Emma's. Though the will passed through probate in York County, the two witnesses to the will were insufficient according to Maryland law to pass real estate.

The Peter Erb Farm ended up back in Equity Court in 1875 and was ordered sold again. The advertisement appeared in 1878 and noted that the farm was

... on the public road called "The Stone road" lying on Big Pipe Creek .. containing 207 acres ... and improved with a large two-story dwelling house a large new Bank Barn, Stone hog house, granaries, carriage house, smoke house, dry house, wood house and all necessary outbuildings, well of water at house, and at barn.

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Emma Miller was the highest bidder for the farm, and the total purchase price was \$9,699.17, thus fulfilling the intent of her father's will and exceeding the intended purchase price by seventeen cents. The tax assessments note how new the bank barn listed in the advertisement was. It was not recorded until 1879, and its value of \$1400 was considerable for any barn in the nineteenth century.

Emma Miller later married, but she retained this property as a tenant farm until 1913. In 1938 it was purchased by A. W. Feeser & Company as part of their canning operation, but was sold in 1955 and has passed hands frequently ever since. In the process, the barn and other farm buildings were broken off from the house, and there are now two separate owners to the buildings.

The house that was built in 1790, presumably for Peter Erb I, is an interesting blend of English and German idioms. The five-bay, center-passage plan was typically English, yet the banked house with a kitchen in the cellar was a distinctively German form. The three room plan probably shows German influence despite the use of the center passage. The house has especially fine stone work and above average details for the period. There are many details that are similar to the Christopher Erb House, including the roof framing and the summer beam placed on the cellar kitchen mantle tree. The sawn brackets on the stair are similar but are not identical. The chamfers on the summer beams are unusual. While some houses of this period are known to have had clay and straw insulation under the floor boards, the double layer of floor is unusual, but was probably intended for a similar purpose. The existing stone ell is probably the kitchen that was referred to in the 1865 ad, but was certainly constructed by 1870, as the ad from that year makes clear. With its erection, the cellar kitchen was probably abandoned. This marks a deepening move to English architectural ideas. It may also suggest a time when the banked house was re-graded. Such a task must have been considerable and expensive. The outbuildings were extensive, and it is unusual to find many of them documented. Bake ovens were ubiquitous, but because they are small were are so common they are rarely documented in the historical record. Few survive, but the knowledge of their existence is alone important. Even more rare today, though probably almost as common on early Carroll County farms, were dry houses. They are even less likely to be noted in advertisements than are bake ovens. The fact that the outbuildings were all constructed of stone is also very unusual, and signifies the wealth and importance of the builder. It is unfortunate that most of them do not survive, but the existence of the stone wagon shed, which may be the carriage house mentioned in 1870, is probably unique for Carroll County. The stone barn must have burned in the 1870's and been rebuilt by the existing one in 1877-78. The new barn was likely raised on the foundation of the old. It is interesting to note that the old barn had two threshing floors, like the existing one, suggesting that the replacement was built to closely imitate the earlier structure. The datestone lying on the ground by the house

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suggests that one of these buildings was built by Jacob Erb in the 1820's. Most likely it came from the crumbled walls of the stone barn after its destruction.

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CARR-98 Peter Erb Farm 2613 Stone Road

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| Ronald W. & N. Ruth Bayliss (wife) | ? | Thomas D. & Susan C. Pfoutz (wife) | ? | 5-1-1989 | LWS 1143 | 583 | Deed fee simple | 8.5969 ac. \$375,000 |
| Morris & Sally P. Caplan (wife) | ? | Ronald W. & N. Ruth Bayliss | ? | 6-24-1985 | LWS 907 | 963 | Deed fee simple | 8.459 ac. \$225,000 |
| William H. & Amelia M. Corsini (wife) | Carroll | Morris and Sally P. Caplan (wife) | Carroll | 12-3-1976 | CCC 647 | 528 | Deed fee simple | 8.459 ac. \$5.00 part of 2 below |
| William Marshall White & Eleanor L. White (wife) | Carroll | William H. & Amelia M. Corsini | Carroll | 11-30-1970 | CCC 478 | 356 | Deed fee simple | 5.115 ac. \$10.00 (A) |
| William Marshall White & Eleanor L White (wife) | Carroll | William H. & Amelia M. Corsini | Montgomery Co. | 6-27-1969 | CCC 456 | 553 | Deed fee simple | 20.666 ac. \$10.00 |
| Stanley L. & Barbara J. Shearer (wife) | Carroll | William Marshall & Eleanor L. White (wife) | Montgomery Co. | 3-10-1964 | CCC 370 | 367 | Deed fee simple | (1) 371% ac. \$10.00 (2) 150½ ac. |
| Mayberry, Inc. | MD Corp. | Stanley L. & Barbara J. Shearer (wife) | Carroll | 3-9-1964 | CCC 370 | 364 | Deed fee simple | \$10.00 (1) 371% ac. (2) 150½ ac. |
| Stanley L. & Barbara J. Shearer (wife) | Carroll | Mayberry, Inc. | MD Corp. | 5-31-1963 | CCC 360 | 53 | Deed fee simple | \$10.00 (1) 371% ac. (2) 150½ ac. |
| Henry J. & Evelyn W. Sandlas, Jr. (wife) | Jefferson Co., Colorado | Stanley L. Shearer | Frederick | 3-9-1957 | EAS 273 | 90 | Deed fee simple | 371% ac. \$10.00 (1) |
| Glenn A. & Ruth N. Wolf (wife) | Carroll | Stanley L. & Barbara J. Shearer | Carroll | 2-17-1960 | 316 | 274 | Deed fee simple | 150½ ac. \$10.00 (2) |

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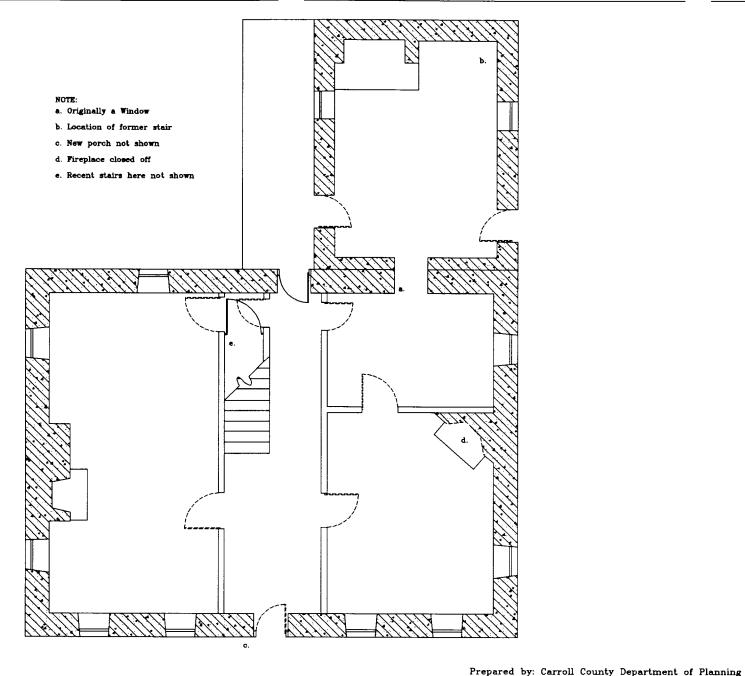
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| Jacob W. Wolf, et al | | Glenn A. & Ruth N. Wolf (wife) | | 7-26-1956 | EAS 264 | 256 | | (2) |
| A. W. Feeser and Co., Inc. | MD Corp. | Henry J. & Evelyn W. Sandlas, Jr. (wife) | Baltimore Co. | 7-29-1955 | EAS 249 | 525 | Deed fee simple | 371% ac. \$10.00 by two deeds (1) |
| James E. Boylan, Jr., Assignee | Westminster | A. W. Feeser & Co., Inc. | ? | 8-19-1932 | EMM 157 | 512 | Deed fee simple | Charles & Clara King mort. to Union Mills Savings Bank \$5555.06, 209 ac. (1)(a) |
| Isaih L. Reifsnider & Alice V. (wife) | Carroll | A. W. Feeser & Co., Inc. | MD Corp. | 3-14-1938 | LDM 168 | 39 | Deed fee simple | \$10.00 part of Erb's Pleasure, 163 + ac. (1)(b) |
| Joseph F. Driver & Alice C. (wife) Caspar H. & Ruby P. Driver (wife) | Rockingham Co., VA Carroll | Charles W. King & Clara M. (wife) | Carroll | 2-16-1914 | ODG 124 | 201 | Deed fee simple | 219 ac. \$10,650, Huckleberry Bottom, Durbins Mistake, Resurvey on Locust Neck, Runnymeade Enlarged (1a) |
| George M. Schue | York Co., PA | Isaih L. & Alice V. Reifsnider (wife) | Carroll | 9-5-1918 | EOC 132 | 536 | Deed fee simple | 163 + ac. \$12,292.50, Erb's Pleasure (1b) |

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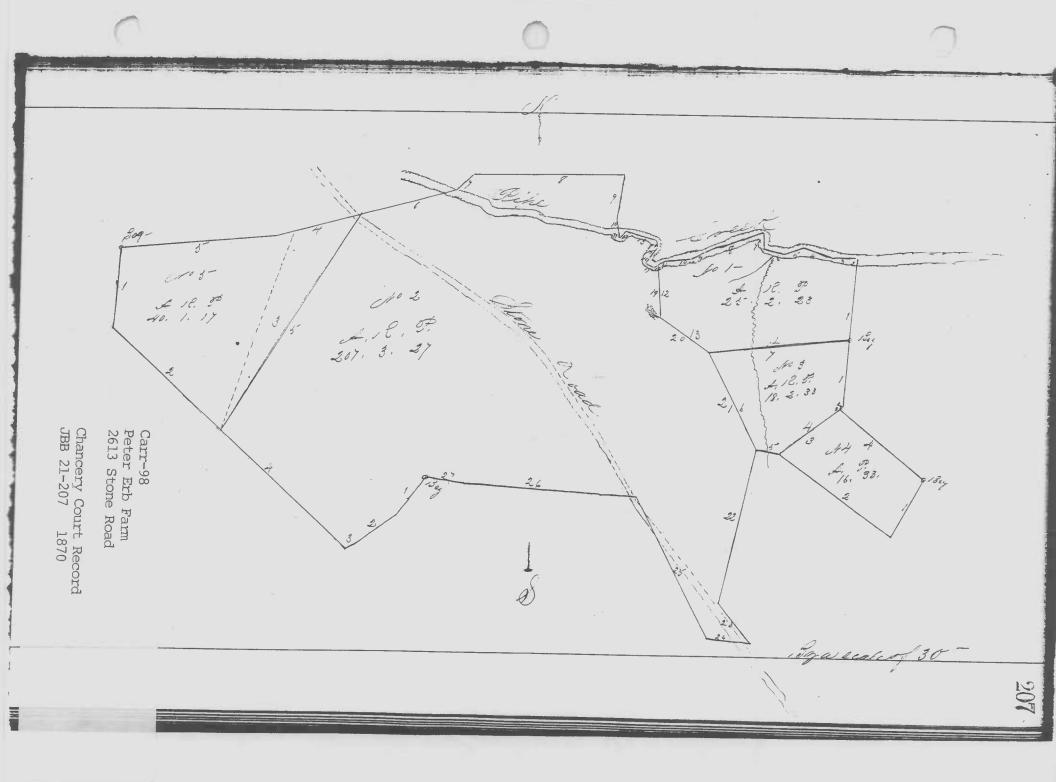
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| Emma M. Forry & Henry B. (husband) | York Co., PA | George M. Schue | York Co., PA | 8-8-1913 | ODG 122 | 541 | Deed fee simple | 163 + ac. \$5800, Emma Forry (nee Miller) (1b) |
| Charles B. Roberts, trustee | ? | Emma M. Miller | ? | 9-26-1878 | FTS 50 | 183 | Deed | 3-11-1878 John H. Miller & wife, et al v. Susanna Miller, et al, Equity Court (1b) |
| John J. Baumgartner, trustee | ? | John M. Miller, et al, heirs of Jacob Miller | ? | 1-31-1873 | JBB 42 | 69 | Deed | Equity 1-31- 1870, John Maus v. Jacob Erb, et al, public sale 9- 17-1870, sold to Jacob Miller of York Co., PA - Jacob Miller made 1st payment, d. intestate "Erb's Pleasure" 207 + ac. and 18 + ac. [no previous ref.] |
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This is a most interesting farm building of possibly unique design for I was unable to find another such example during my survey of Carroll County.

The building sits just to the N. side of Stone Road near a grouping of barns and sheds. Predominantly of frame construction it possesses an "A" frame roof the ridge of which runs E.to W. The S. wall is of frame with the sills resting on wood posts. To the N wall is a frame shed (or pent) roofed addition. The interest in this structure lies in its dressed stone ends each possessing a large arched door Both of these doors are of equal span being of adequate size to drive a carriage through. The double doors are flush to the outside stone walls and are of vertical planking. The remaining sheathing of the structure is also of vertical plank.

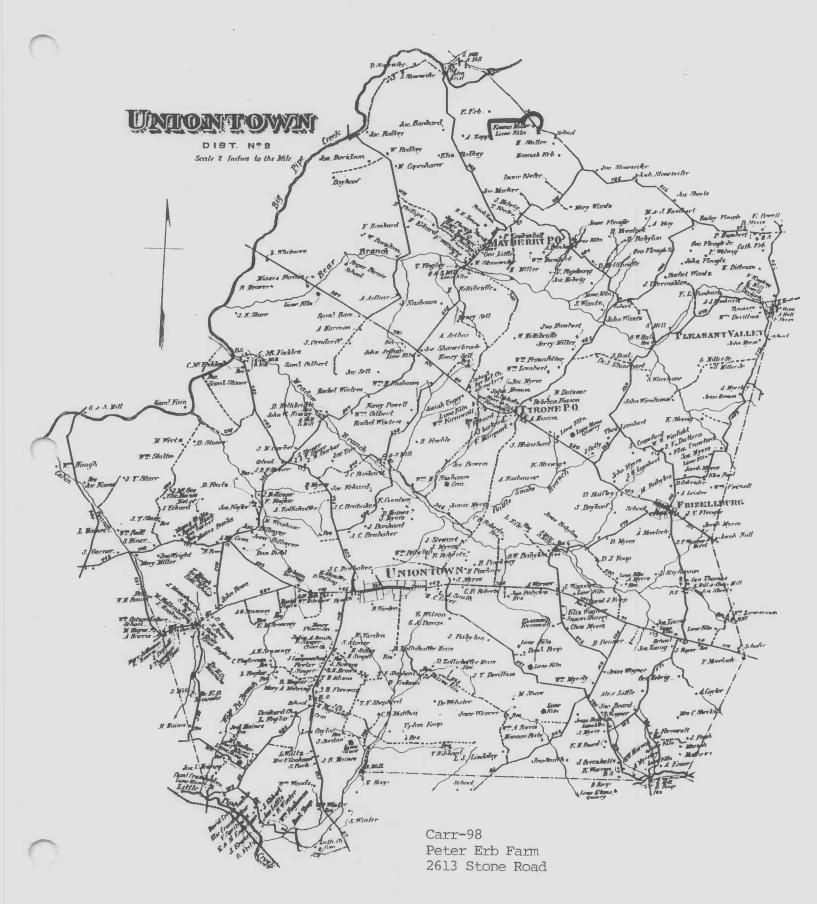
On the S. side of the road is the main house; a two storey, five bay, brick Georgian with appair of bridged chimneys at the interior of both E and W gables. The house has been painted white and both the house and carriage house appear to be in excellent condition.

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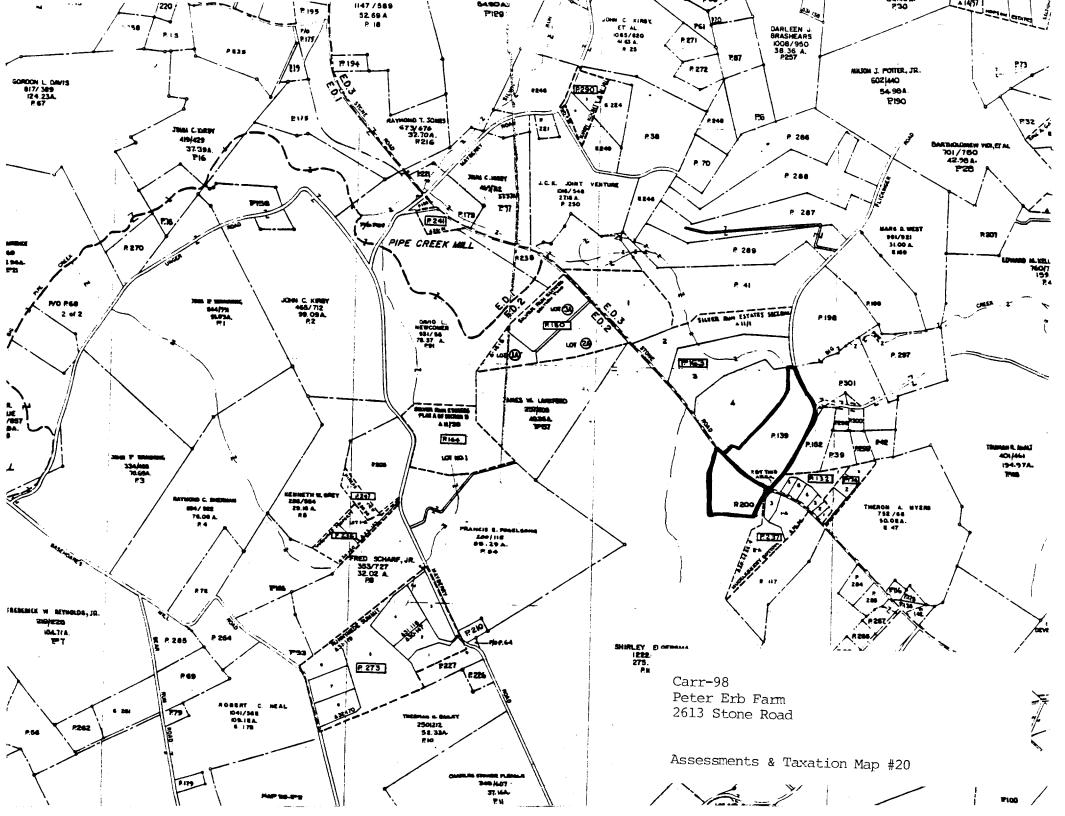
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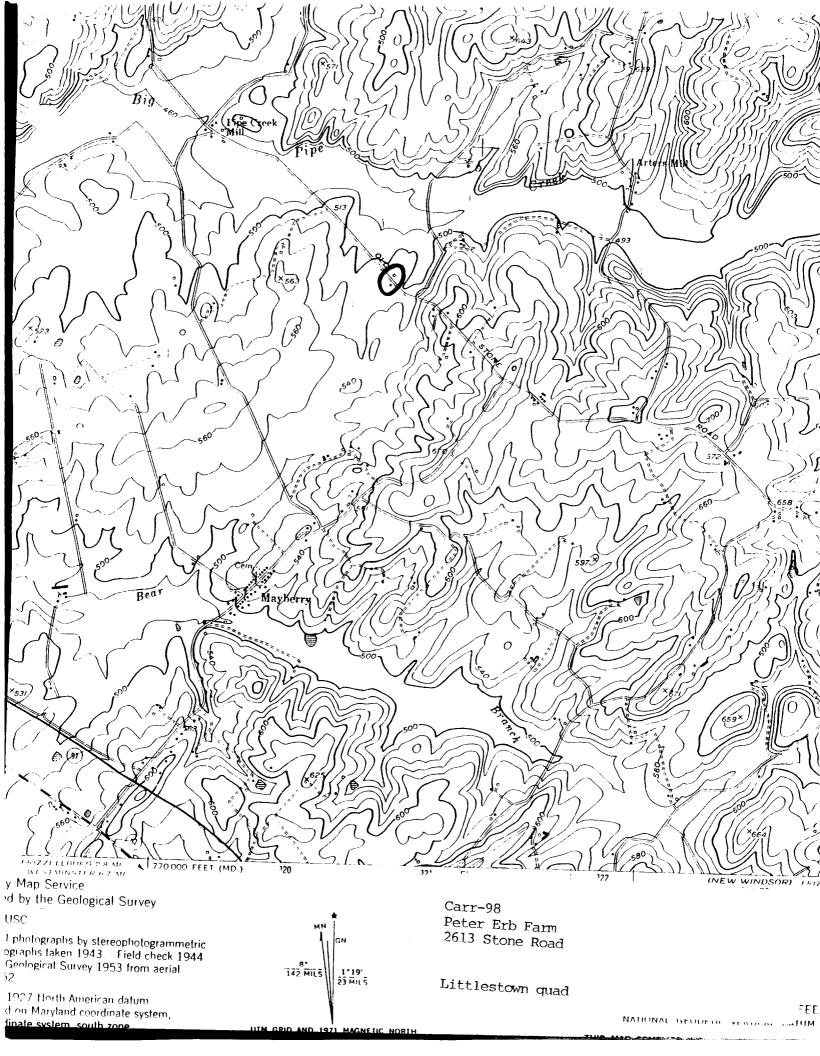
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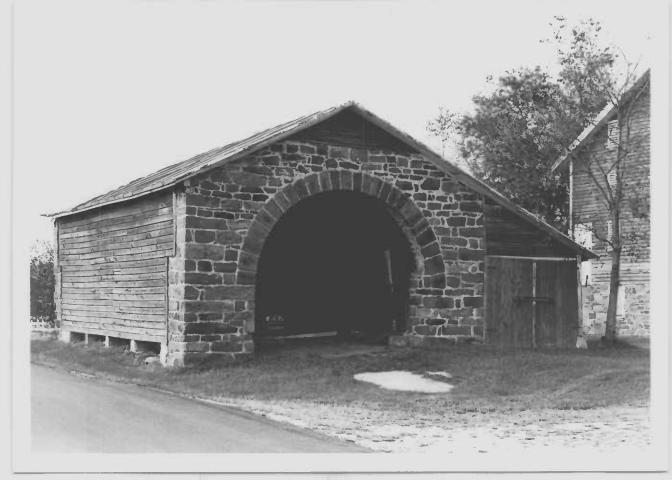


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